

REMARKS

Claims 2-9 and 12-18 are pending. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following discussion.

I. EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

A telephone interview was conducted on October 19, 2009, with Examiner Tran, and applicant's representative, Tom Eschweiler. In the interview, Examiner Tran indicated that all the claims were in condition for allowance, but that an obviousness-type double patenting issue had been identified with respect to pending application serial number 12/543,487. Applicant respectfully disagrees with this rejection, however, to expedite prosecution, a terminal disclaimer is filed herewith, thereby rendering the issue moot.

II. CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, the claims currently under consideration are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should any fees be due as a result of the filing of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the Deposit Account Number 50-1733, LLP127US.

Respectfully submitted,
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